

July 15th 1852

I Nathaniel Wilson of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner following, that to wit say and first my will and desire is that all my land my negro man Frank and in that and in a tract all of my Estate both real and Personal be left in the care and Custody of my wife Mary C. Wilson for the Term of Seven years from the Time of my death during which Time I give her discretionary power to dispose it in any way she may think best and proper for the purpose of maintaining her self and family and making money to pay my debts and also any Contract that she may make or money that she may borrow from any Person for the purpose of paying my debts during said Term of Seven years my will, desire and meaning is that my whole estate shall be bound and stand good for the payment of the same I also allow my wife if necessary for the payment of my debts to sell my negro man Frank or then of my Personal Property either at Public or Private Sale and if at the end of Seven years my debts and the money she may have borrowed be not all fully paid off and satisfied then my will is that she shall sell as much of my estate in any way she may think proper as will enable her to pay off all my debts and the demands that may be against her and after my debts &c are paid my will is that there shall be thirty acres of land laid off for the use of my wife during her life or any Part of my Plantation she may choose and also I allow her to keep ten acres more or sell so much of my land as will amount to one hundred dollars and apply the money to her own use and after this is done my will is that the balance of my land be equally divided between all of my children in their Personal Representatives, except my two daughters Julian & Isabel which two daughters in consequence of their ungratified Conduct towards me and my wife my will is that they shall not inherit any Part of my estate the thirty acres of land that I have willed to my wife at her death I allow to be equally divided between all of my children, except my daughters Julian and Isabel, the balance of my Personal estate that may then be on hand I will to be equally divided between my wife and children except said two daughters Julian & Isabel, and finally I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary C. Wilson my Executor to execute this my last will and Testament in Witness Whereof I the said Nathaniel Wilson do hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this 15 day of July 1852.

Witnessed and published in Presence of us

Eliza Ramsey
Ann Stuart

Nathaniel Wilson
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January 1853

In the name of God Amen, I Nathaniel Wilson of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of Perfect Sound and Disposing mind and memory thanks be to God, do hereby this Twenty fourth day of May 1852, Make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, and first that my Executor herein of the name of Providence for my body a decent burial & to take to the Wishes of my relations and friends and pay all my just debts together with my funeral expenses however & to whomsoever owing out of any money that may come into their hands as a Part or Value of my Estate, and as concerning such unaliened estate wherein it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Catharine during her natural life all my lands to her use and enjoyment except such Provisions as I shall hereafter make for a home for my son Edwin Thaddeus and otherwise, I also give unto my wife a negro girl named Henry as her own absolute Property forever and also I give unto my wife during her natural life a negro Woman named Phoebe and a negro man named William and all my house hold & Kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of all of my farming utensils my Wagon Buggy and horse Cars and all the Corn and Provisions that may be on hand at the time of my death together with the standing Crops I give to the use and maintenance of my wife and family all of my Cattle horses Sheep and hogs that may be on hand at the time of my death, I allow to remain on my Plantation for the use and maintenance of my wife and family except such of them as my wife and executor may think proper to dispose of and apply the money to the payment of my debts or otherwise according to my will.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Melinda who is intermarried with L. M. Bradburn a negro girl named Fanny and her increase provided she should have any children within her life and to her heirs born of her own body and also I give to my said daughter two horses & saddle, two cows, a Bull and some Kitchen & house furniture & chairs &c which negro and other Property she has now in her Possession all of which I estimate or value to her at the sum of Six hundred & fifty one dollars

Item, I give and devise to my son Matthew M. Wilson a negro man named Peter a horse and Bed to him and his Personal absolutely for ever, which negro and other Property has been delivered to him some time ago all of which I value to him towards his absolute Share or Part of my Estate at the sum of Six hundred & eighty eight dollars